



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
Date: June 26, 2018
CC: Martha Church, Library Director
Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Sign a Contract with the State of Connecticut for a \$5, 352 Library Services and Technology Act Grant and to Appropriate Said Funds in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 West Hartford Library Fund Budget. (11)

Background: The Town applied for and was awarded a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant in the amount of \$5,352 for the project “Come Learn With Me: Moving Beyond Storytime.”

Operational Impact: “Come Learn With Me: Moving Beyond Storytime” is a parent education program designed to provide parents with the tools they need to increase their child’s literacy and communication skills to prepare them for school. Parents and their children will attend a four-week evening program during which librarians explain and demonstrate the importance of reading and pre-literacy play. Each week, families will borrow backpacks containing picture books, educational games and toys and an activity guide based on the theme of the week. Open to all families in West Hartford, the program will be promoted specifically to families with the greatest need.

Financial Impact: Town Council adoption of this resolution would have a direct fiscal impact on the fiscal year 2019 budget of the West Hartford Library Fund. Estimated intergovernmental revenue would increase \$5,352 with a corresponding appropriation for temporary payroll and library materials to be used in accordance with the terms of the grant.

Legal Review: Corporation Counsel’s office has reviewed and approved the form and legality of the proposed resolution.

Project Schedule: The grant period is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Recommendation: In order to receive this grant to support this library program, staff recommends Council approval of the attached resolution.

Attachments: See attached resolution.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR A \$5,352 LIBRARY SERVICES AND
TECHNOLOGY ACT GRANT AND TO APPROPRIATE SAID FUNDS IN THE FISCAL
YEAR 2018-2019 WEST HARTFORD LIBRARY FUND BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), Public Law 104-208, provides federal funds to stimulate excellence and promote access to learning and information resources in libraries for individuals of all ages; to promote library services that provide users access to information through electronic networks; to provide linkages among and between libraries; and to promote targeted library services to people of diverse geographic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, and capabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford applied for and was awarded a LSTA grant for the project "Come Learn With Me: Moving Beyond Storytime" in the amount of \$5,352, and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to appropriate these funds for personnel costs and library materials in accordance with the grant application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD, that Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager of the Town of West Hartford, is authorized to sign on behalf of the Town of West Hartford a contract with the Connecticut State Library, State of Connecticut, for an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant in the amount of \$5,352, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD, that the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget of the West Hartford Library Fund is hereby amended as follows:

Estimated Revenues

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| 29-410513-41300-9058 | Library Grant | \$5,352 |
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Appropriations

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| 29-410513-41300-1007 | Temporary payroll | \$512 |
| 29-410513-41300-2589 | Library Materials | \$4,840 |

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6/26/18